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Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby cite the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 as relating to the subject matter of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application.

Applicants also cites pending United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/171,128, filed June 13, 2002, in the names of Gavin MacBeath and Jennipher Grudzien; Jennipher Grudzien being a co-inventor of the subject application.

Reference AV entitled "Secure Seal Hybridization Chambers" discloses gaskets with individual apertures which form chambers to isolate specimens affixed to glass microscope slides for hybridization assays. The gaskets are provided with from 1-8 apertures in various shapes and sizes.

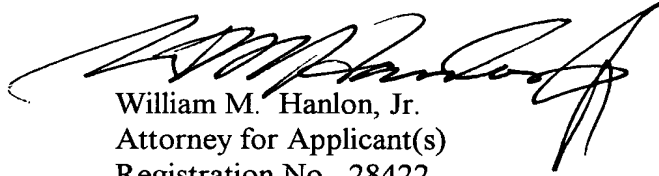
Reference AW for CultureWell, MultiSlip and SecureSlip products of the Applicants' company show silicone gaskets with separable portions for mounting on microscope slides via the sticky surface of the silicone gasket. This silicone gasket acts as a hydrophobic barrier to isolate reagents on the glass slide.

Reference AX for "CultureWell, MultiWell and Coverslip Cell Culture Inserts" of the Applicants' company are removable medical grade silicone gaskets secured to 24mm x 50mm, No. 1-1/2 borosilicate cover glasses. The gaskets are mountable on a cover glass which is in turn mounted along with other inserts in a carrier for processing.

A copy of each cited non-patent reference is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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